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1. ECONOFF AND AGATTACHE MET WITH FONOFF

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DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS,

WANDEL-PETERSEN, AND HIS AGRICULTURAL ADVISORS
AUGUST 20 AS A FURTHER EFFORT TO REGISTER U.S. CONCERNS OVER
SERIES OF PROTECTIVE MEASURES RECENTLY TAKEN BY COM-
MUNITY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, I.E., BEEF
IMPORT BAN, REGULATIONS ON INWARD PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS, POULTRY IMPORT LEVIES
AND EXPORT SUBSIDIES, AND RESTRICTIONS
ON MUSHROOM IMPORTS. WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID DANES
HAVE NOT BEEN STRONG SUPPORTERS OF MOST OF THESE MEASURES
SINCE THEIR PRINCIPLES REMAIN THOSE FAVORING MOST
LIBERAL TRADING RULES POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, THEY
WENT ALONG WITH THE REST OF EC STATES BECAUSE
THESE MEASURES WERE PART OF COMPROMISE PACKAGES.

2. SPECIFICALLY, REGARDING EC COUNCIL REGULA-
TIONS 1853/74 AND 1854/74, DANES SAID THEY WERE
SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. AND DUTCH CONCERNS BECAUSE
THEY HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEM, I.E., ONE DANISH FIRM
PROCESSES EAST EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL LARD FOR RE-EXPORT.
DANES THEREFORE EXPECT TO TAKE POSITION AT BRUSSELS URGING
MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS PERMITTING FREE PROCESS-
ING OF INDUSTRIAL ANIMAL FATS. WHEN WE EXPRESSED
HOPE THEY COULD SUPPORT FULL MODIFICATION OF
REGULATIONS INCLUDING MEASURES ON EDIBLE FATS,
DANES SAID THEY WOULD CONSIDER. HOWEVER, THEY
LEFT IMPRESSION THAT FULL EXEMPTION OF ANIMAL
FATS MIGHT MEET EXCESSIVE RESISTANCE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: GIVEN DANISH SELF-INTEREST,
THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO SUPPORT DUTCH ON OBTAIN-
ING EXEMPTION FROM REGULATIONS BUT TO BE WILLING
TO SETTLE FOR EXEMPTION FOR INDUSTRIAL LARD ONLY.
AS REGARDS POULTRY, THE DANISH OFFICIALS EXPRESSED
NO MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE INCREASED EC PROTECTION
ON POULTRY AND RENEWED EC POULTRY EXPORT SUB-
SIDIES. INSTEAD, THEY CITED THE CURRENT PROB-
LEMS THE DANISH PULTRY INDUSTRY FACES AND ACKNOW-
LEDGED THAT DENMARK HOPES TO INCREASE ITS SALES
OF TURKEY TO GERMANY AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED
PROTECTION. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NONCOMMITTAL
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ON CANNED MUSHROOMS, IT IS QUITE PROBABLE THAT
THEY ARE IN FACT SUPPORTERS OF EC RESTRAINTS ON
CANNED MUSHROOM IMPORTS SINCE THE SUBSTANTIAL
DANISH MUSHROOM INDUSTRY HAS ITSELF SUFFERED
FROM INCREASING EC IMPORTS OF CANNED MUSHROOMS.
ON THE BEEF IMPORT BAN, HOWEVER, THE DANES AP-
PEAR TO GENUINELY BELIEVE THIS EC ACTION WAS
TOO SEVERE AND WROUGHT WITH TOO MANY INTERNA-

TIONAL REPERCUSSIONS, DESPITE THE IMMEDIATE
BENEFITS THAT MAY ACCRUE TO DANISH LIVESTOCK
SECTOR.
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